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August 12, 1976

Mr. George Bush  
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Dear Mr. Bush:

Thank you for your speedy reply to my recent request regarding your personal comments for the July issue of "The Challenger." These comments were well received and appreciated by our Council members. Everyone was quite impressed by your thoughtfulness which helped emphasize the importance of your message.

If, at any time, in the future you would like to visit with us at the Council Hall, please feel free to contact me at 713-498-2818. Our meetings are on the second and fourth Thursday of each month, or special arrangements can be made.

I am enclosing your copy of the July "Challenger," and again, thank you for your sincere consideration.

Respectfully yours,

LARRY BABBITT  
Challenger Editor  
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cc: J.E. FOX

Encl: Challenger



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GEORGE BUSH  
Director C.I.A.

In response to a recent request, our Council has been honored by receiving a personal message from Mr. George Bush, the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Mr. Bush has found time, in his busy schedule, to send us a few words for our Fourth of July edition of the Challenger. It is indeed a pleasure to publish these comments, which appear on the preceding page, from a world renowned statesman, but most of all, a Great American.

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## COMING ATTRACTIONS

- July 1 - Officers Meeting
- July 4 - V.A. Hospital Visitation  
July 4th Picnic at  
607 E. Whitney Dr.
- July 8 - Installation of Officers  
(Open Meeting)
- July 11 - Awards Night
- July 16 - Red Rooster at Notre Dame  
Church Hall
- July 18 - Corporate Communion
- July 22 - Regular Meeting



## INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

There will be an Open Meeting on July 8 starting at 7:30 P.M. at the Council Hall. This will be a short Open Meeting with food served afterwards. Bring your wife and guests to observe the installation of the following officers:

Grand Knight:	Jim Fox
Deputy Grand Knight:	Larry Babbitt
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America comes to the Bicentennial facing perhaps the greatest challenge of our two hundred years. Many countries around the world are looking at us and wondering about our credibility and our commitment. They ask, "Do the people still believe? Do they believe enough to sacrifice for themselves, to say nothing of sacrificing for others?"

They are asking the right questions. Many of us must ask them too.

Our magnificent democratic system of government is the best in the world. Its inequities are few and our freedoms are many. We have existed for 200 years. We have stability, and all through our history we have had a commitment to freedom -- freedom of speech, of religion, of enterprise.

If we are to maintain our freedoms, we must be committed. To be committed, we must believe in the worth of our system. Each of us should make a commitment to participate in public affairs, to help in our communities, to do something for someone else.

In these days of cynicism, there is an obvious question: Do we feel as strongly as Horace Mann did when he said, "Be ashamed to die until you have won some victory for humanity"?

Answer: I think we do. I know we must.

George Bush  
Director of Central Intelligence



### NOTE FROM YOUR FINANCIAL SECRETARY ---

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their birthdays in June, and to, Richard Didsbury,  
B. J. Drennan, Ramsey Farley, William Gay,  
Hector Hinojosa, Christopher Matthews, Russel  
Mayer, Vince Palumbo, Bill Overly, Lupe  
Ramirez, Mike Rivera, Edward Rooz, Russell  
Scott, Gilbert Sekal, William Shoemake, Bob  
Trefny, Emil Twardowski, Rev. R. A. Tynan, S.J.,  
and James Zrubek, who will be celebrating their  
birthdays during the month of July.



LET US REMEMBER.... Our prayers go to Norma  
Kelly, the Grandmother of Bro. Bill ROBB, who  
is in St. Andrews Hospital.... Bro. Celso RUIZ's  
father-in-law, who is suffering from parkinson's  
disease.... Father Tynan who is still ill.... Libby  
Coleman, wife of Bro. Ed COLEMAN, one of the  
pioneers of our Council. Mrs. Coleman has been  
in St. Luke's Intensive Care Unit.... Bro. Joe  
CORTEZ, who has been suffering from a back  
injury.... and Walter Leeds' wife, who was  
temporarily blinded in the recent ammonia gas  
truck explosion (Walter is on the Bishop's Staff)  
.... Our prayer also go for Bro. Joe Stepchinsky's  
Aunt, Mrs. Katy Stepchinsky, who is extremely  
ill in John Sealy Hospital.... After many prayers  
and communions from her friends, Sharon Marino is  
recovering from a recent visit to the hospital.  
Everything seems to be OK!!! And it will be  
wonderful to see Bro. Tony escorting his Sharon  
to the next K.C. event!!!

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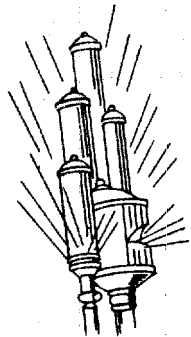
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**HONORABLE MENTION:** We would like to welcome Brother Benny J. BILSKI to the first Degree!! Benny seems to have already made himself at home and we all appreciate his company.

**SPECIAL NOTATIONS:** If you get up early enough and you are going to work, by way of 6211 Bellaire Blvd., you can see Bro. Bill OVERLY greeting his customers at the front door of Overly's Rentals....Mary Ann is starting to refer Bro. Ray dela Houssaye's phone calls during the weekdays to the Council Hall. Ray has been working on our air conditioning system and he says that when he is finished with it, we'll be able to hang beef inside the Hall. Mary Ann also said something about a hanging, but it wasn't beef!! Again Bro. Ray is helping another Parish. He attended the Notre Dame Bazaar Chairmen's Meeting this month to give some



technical advice on the Bazaar's lighting system....Bro. Ed "Ham" RHODES' daughter-in-law, Linda Rhodes, has graduated from the University of Houston's School of Optometry. Linda is now on the U of H's Teaching Staff and will shortly be going into private practice. Glad Linda could "see" her way through the U of H....LET IT BE KNOWN that the co-winners of the Spirit of '76 Coloring Contest are Cynthia and Warren VRBA. Congratulations to our two winners, who will split the prize money....We are coming up with a new column in the "Challenger" under the title of HAPPINESS IS....To make this column an entertaining success, contact either Larry BABBITT 498-2818 or Ed "Ham" Rhodes 495-2444 and give them all the good, funny and happy "happenings" of your family and friends, so we may all share in your laughter and joy.



### V.A. HOSPITAL VISITATION



What is a better way to start this year's Bicentennial Fourth of July, than to attend Mass and receive Holy Communion with the Vets at the V.A. Hospital?!! Bring your wife and kids (guests too)!!! They can visit in the Coffee Shop, while all you Brother Knights work the Wards and assist any veterans who need to attend Mass in a wheelchair. Then all of us, as a group, attend Mass and receive communion in the Chapel. All of this can be done and you can leave for your personal July 4th outing by 11:00 A.M. Let's show up in force at 8:30 a.m. in the Chaplain's Office and truly experience the REAL SPIRIT OF '76!!!

### NOTICE OF IMPORTANCE TO ALL MEMBERS!!

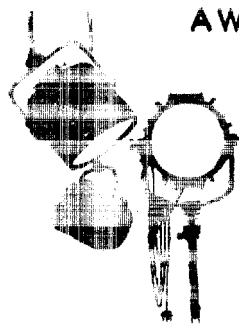
We are about to embark on a year of activities with new officers. They need your support and consideration. The best way to do this is through your prayers and communion. On July 18 at 8:30 a.m. our Council members and their families will attend Mass and receive corporate communion at St. Albert's Church, with breakfast being served afterwards at the Council Hall.

We have been experiencing a lack of support from a large number of our membership. Whatever the reason may be, either a conflicting work schedule or just the lack of interest in our Council's activities, we encourage you and your family to attend this corporate communion Mass. In the coming months you will notice an added sentence on the heading of the "Challenger", which will read "A Family Action Council." Many future activities will involve our wives and on a number of occasions our children. In order to do this effectively, we must build a foundation that is based on your prayers and communion. Therefore, we respectfully request your spiritual support.



### RED ROOSTER

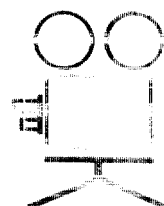
Council #5678 will donate their time and energy to conduct a Red Rooster for the men in Notre Dame Parish. All proceeds will be given to the Parish in order to offset the expenses of their BAZAAR, which will be held in September. We urge all Brother Knights, who will not be working on this project, to attend this SPECIAL RED ROOSTER and bring male guests with you. The date is Friday, July 16, 7:30 p.m., Notre Dame Church Hall — 7720 Boone Road, between Bellaire and Bissonnet. Here is our chance, as a small Council, to help a Parish with a large expense. Let's show Notre Dame that they can count on the Knights of Columbus to help where the help is needed!!!



### AWARDS NIGHT - JULY 11

The Annual Awards Night Dinner will be held at the "Venetian Village", 12106 Murphy Rd. Cocktails (\$1.25 mixed drinks—80¢ beer) will be served between 6-7 p.m., Dinner, which will be \$2.00/couple.

Then sit back, relax and be entertained by our SURPRISE CELEBRITY, none other than the "Original Seven Hundred Million Year Old Comedian." You will see transformed before your very own eyes this Comic, who will take you back in time and relate to you some of the oldest jokes and routines in history. He will put a smile on your face or a groan in your throat. And not to be out-done by the Grand Knight, he too, will have some "special" awards of his own. We will not reveal the names of the "special" winners until Awards Night, so be prepared for some extra surprises!! Jim Fox and Larry Babbitt will M.C. the official Awards Event, if they can remember the names of the winners. You may say it might not be entertaining, but we can guarantee you one thing, it's gonna be different!!! So plan to attend.



CHANGING TIMES....We are looking forward to the first visit from our new District Deputy, Bro. Norman ARGUELLO. Norman is the out-going Grand Knight of Council 803 and will start his new duties in July....Bro. Joe STEPCHINSKY, our out-going District Deputy will become the first State Committeeman from our Council....Bro. Dan VRBA, our new Membership Director, has announced that all Members who attend "every" Regular Meeting during 1976-77, starting with the July 8th Meeting, will receive an attractive Attendance Trophy at the 1977 Awards Banquet...Bro. Mike RIVERA, our new Fall Festival Chairman, has already started distributing the new festival books. Mike and his back-up crew, Brothers Fred VARLEY, Cruz ORTIZ, Tony MARINO, and Larry BABBITT, will be asking you for your help and donations....Our new Chapter Delegates, Brothers Cruz ORTIZ, Joe STEPCHINSKY, and Ken HARPSTER will be attending the up-coming Chapter Meetings (second Tuesday of every other month, starting July 13) along with our Second Term Grand Knight, Jim FOX, and our newly elected Deputy Grand Knight, Larry BABBITT.



### A SUMMER TIME DELIGHT

Our Food Editor Vince "Fastfingers" Palumbo has offered this cool plate for hot summer days.

#### Shrimp Potato Salad

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|------|-------------------------------|------------------|
| 5 C  | Boiled cubed, cooled potatoes |                  |
| 2 C  | Sour Cream                    | 1 Medium chopped |
| 1 C  | Salad Dressing                | onion            |
| 2 C  | Chopped Celery                | 2 Medium chopped |
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